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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 141773, (B) STATE 146972, (C) STATE 146969,

1. ECON COUNSELOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ECON OFF, CALLED JUNE 28 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AMB. JUAN DE LA PIEDRA, TO URGE PERUVIAN SUPPORT AT UPCOMING ECOSOC MEETING FOR US INITIATIVE ON ACTIONS AGAINST ILLICIT PAYMENTS. BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS AND TALKING POINTS PROVIDED REF C HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO THIS SUBJECT. HE ALSO LEFT SPANISH TEXT AIDE MEMOIRE (REF. B).

2. DE LA PIEDRA INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH USG VIEWS ILLICIT PAYMENTS ISSUE AND PROMISED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WOULD GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO AIDE MEMOIRE.

3. ECON OFF AM JUNE 30 FOLLOWED UP EARLIER MEETING WITH CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTION OFFICER FOR SUBJECT, FERNANDO
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GUILLEN. GUILLEN, WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD STUDIED AIDE MEMOIRE, NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEWS THIS AS VERY IMPORTANT DEMARCHE AND THAT PERU'S DELEGATION TO ECOSOC MEETING WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO US IN SUPPORT OF INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, GUILLEN POINTED OUT THAT WHILE PERU FAVORS ACTION AGAINST ILLICIT PAYMENTS, GOP POSITION IS THAT OTHER (PRESUMED) ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONALS

SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, HE ALSO REPEATED CONCERN EXPRESSED ON EARLIER OCCASIONS BY GOP OFFICIALS THAT CONCENTRATION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WOULD DETRACT FROM EFFORTS TOWARD A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONALS.

4. ECON OFF RESPONDED THAT US CONSIDERES ELIMINATION OF OTHER CORRUPT PRACTICES BEYOND BRIBERY TO BE IMPORTANT, BUT THAT CONDEMNATION OF BRIBERY IS SO UNIVERSAL THAT WE FEEL INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST THE PRACTICE SHOULD BE TAKEN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. DRAWING ON PENULTIMATE TALKING POINT, HE NOTED THAT US SEES NO CONFLICT BETWEEN AGREEMENT ON BRIBERY AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONALS.

5. COMMENT: PERU, TRYING TO MAINTAIN ITS CREDENTIALS AS MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF GROUP OF 17, WILL NOT GET OUT IN FRONT IN SUPPORTING US INITIATIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTEREST IN ISSUE, FOREIGN MINISTRY IS ANXIOUS TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN CONSTRAINTS IT HAS SET. THUS PERUVIAN DELEGATION MOST LIKELY WILL SUPPORT DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF A) BUT WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO MODIFY IT TO EXPAND SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND RESULTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.
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